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Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar: “We are confident that our team will do a good job during the debate”

ORANJESTAD --Last Thursday, May 8, the debate team who will represent Aruba in the Kingdom Youth Partners (KYP) met with Governor Fredis Refunjol and Minister of Education Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar at the Cabinet of the Government. The Dutch Kingdom has organized a debate between all the partners within the kingdom to commemorate its 200 years of existence.

Two years ago, Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar was selected to coach the Aruba team. The team is comprised of 10 youngsters; selected a year ago from 20 candidates who each sent a video explaining why they wanted to participate in the debate. On May 17 they will travel to St Maarten accompanied by Governor Refunjol.

Governor Refunjol ex-

plained that the team is reaching the final stage of training, which is deemed necessary to compete in the KYP. For one year the team undertook a stringent program and the last was a visit to the Governor. Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands will also be present in St Maarten during the debate; an undoubtedly very high level event that will attract enormous attention for all the participating islands and especially the youngsters.

According to Governor Refunjol: “The main goal is to spotlight the youngsters. They are to explain what it means to be part of the Kingdom, the significance of 200 years of celebration, and what is it that makes Aruba so unique within the Kingdom, detailing how we contribute and what must we take out of our



partnership with the other countries of the Kingdom.”

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar said she is very happy with the interest the youngsters showed during their preparation. “The expectations are high and this surely is a unique opportunity for them. We are very confident

that our team will represent Aruba with dignity. We will surely be one of the top teams in St Maarten”

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar will also accompany the team comprised of Marifer Aguirre Broca, Quirinius Maduro, Tamae Bast-

ien, Ann-Jilian de Hasseth, Jochem Pennkamp, Aditya Gupta, Kawish Misier, Nuriene Helder, Jeremy Lannooij and Jady Brown.

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Austria's bearded drag queen Conchita Wurst won the 59th edition of the Eurovision Song Contest on Saturday with the power ballad “Rise Like a Phoenix”



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LOCAL NEWS

A stellar lineup announced for CSJF 2014 featuring Prince Royce



Prince Royce

ORANJESTAD -- Erik Jan Eman, founder of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, was very proud to announce that this year's top headliner will be Prince Royce, the Bronx-born international recording artist, songwriter and record producer known for his smooth ballads, in both English and Spanish.

In March 2010, he released his eponymous debut studio album, which generated two commercially successful singles, "Stand by Me" and "Corazón Sin Cara". Both songs reached number-one on the Billboard Tropical Songs chart while "Corazón Sin Cara" reached number-one on the US Hot Latin Songs chart. The album itself reached number-one on the US Billboard Latin Albums and Tropical Albums charts. He also received three awards at the Billboard Latin Music Awards in 2011, which included Tropical Album of the Year. He was listed as one of the 50 Most Beautiful in the magazine *People en Español* in 2011.

During a press conference on Friday afternoon, the CSJF crew thanked their key sponsors, Renaissance Resort, the site of the festival since last year. This innovative collaboration proved so successful in accommodating the growth of the festival, they will be doing it again this year for the 8th edition.

An enormous response is expected to the announcement that Prince Royce will lead the bill on the first night, Friday, October 3. A change in the layout of the audience section has been made to accommodate this, with a special standing VIP area partitioned off directly in front of the stage. Tickets for this VIP section are \$100 and only 500 tickets will be sold. They can be purchased online or in person on Friday, May 30, during a special kick-off event at the Casibari Rock Formations Cafe, beginning at 6:00 PM. These special tickets are on a first come, first served basis. The festival will also again feature their special elevated VIP



Richard Bona

section with tables of ten and drink service. General Audience tickets for the concerts are \$55.

Also on the bill for CSJF 2014 is the dynamic Liv Warfield. She holds the title as "Portland's Most Soulful Singer". In 2006, Warfield released her first album "Embrace Me". She was selected as a member of Prince's, the New Power Generation, and was featured on his album *Lotusflow3r*. Her album, *The Unexpected* was released early this year. VH1 Soul featured Warfield as their first artist in the campaign *You Oughta Know* in early 2014.

Another featured performer is jazz bassist Richard Bona, who was the musical director during Harry Belafonte's 1998 European Tour. He was a jazz professor at NYU and in 2013 released his seventh jazz album *Bonafied*.

Several more international and local artists are expected to fill the bill for the weekend of the festival, October 3 & 4, but have yet to be confirmed. Ticket sales for Prince Royce are expected to be brisk and it is recommended to purchase as early as possible.

For more information on the full line up and to purchase tickets, visit their website: www.caribbeanseajazz.com or call 588-0211.



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The Netherlands is surprise second in Eurovision Song festival



The Netherlands came second in the 59th Eurovision Song Contest on Saturday night with *Calm after the Storm*, a country number performed by Ilse DeLange and Waylon. It was the Netherlands' best result in Eurovision since Teach-In won in 1975 with *Ding a Dong*.

LOCAL NEWS

Regional Integration Minister of the Dominican Republic visits Aruba



ORANJESTAD – On Friday, May 9, the government received a visit from a delegation comprised of Ministers and Ambassadors of the Dominican Republic. The meeting took place in the Chamber of the Council of Ministers with Prime Minister Mike Eman, Minister of Labor Paul Croes, Minister of Infrastructure, Urban Development and Integration Benny Sevinger and Director of the Department Foreign Relations Andy Lee present.

During the meeting the dignitaries discussed, among many issues, a variety of topics and fields of cooperation that already exist, and those that can be further developed between Aruba and the Dominican Republic.

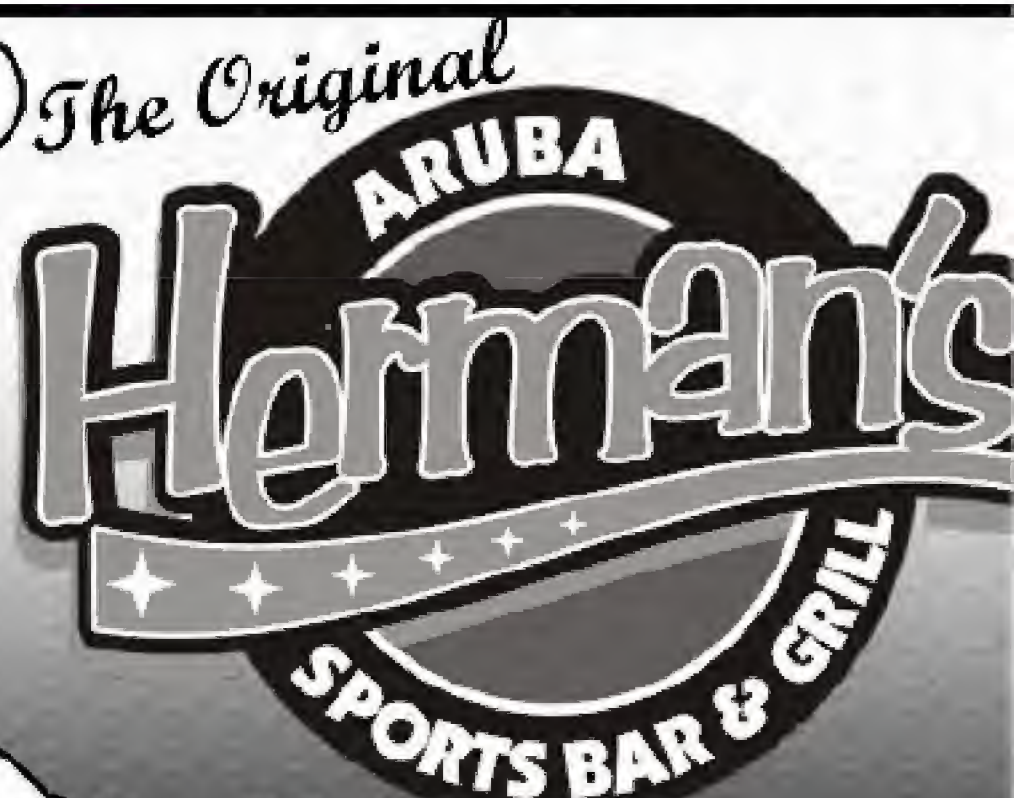
The delegation was headed by the Regional Integration Minister, Dr. Miguel Mejia, who was accompanied by the Dominican Consul stationed on Aruba, Mrs. Joseline Rosario de Rosa. According to Minister Mejia, "We are here on a special mission ordered by our President, his Excellency Danilo Median Sanchez, to convey to the Prime Minister ideas our government has and wants to share with his cabinet." The minister added saying that what they are fundamentally seeking is a bigger approach and better exchange relationship in the commercial, technological and scientific areas, to generate better results for both countries.

There were no other meetings pro-

grammed due to the fact that the delegation's stay was a very short one. They first visited Curacao and from Aruba proceeded to the other Caribbean islands. However, Minister Mejia expressed to be very satisfied with their visit here, stating "We accomplished our mission."

At the end of the conference Prime Minister Eman, as proof of appreciation, handed the delegation a commemorative coin of our 60th Carnival, issued by the Central Bank, together with a copy of the book "Wings over Aruba." Minister Mejia expressed he left with a very positive impression of Aruba, stating that soon our government will receive more information and results of the visit.

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Aruba Driving School features the island's first certified driving simulator



PONTON- Hiro Maduro, founder of Aruba Driving School, was very pleased to welcome Minister of Tourism, Transport, Primary Sector and Culture, Omar Oduber, for the unveiling of a fully-immersive traffic simulator that is now part of his program for training new drivers. This is the first the advance equipment will be used on Aruba.

The Dutch software accompanying the simulator offers virtual traffic situations and a detailed evaluation of the student's performance. It points out exact mistakes and possible offences. Novice drivers learn their weak-

nesses in extremely stressful driving situations, without endangering other people on the road with their inexperience.

The program also features different situations for qualifying for more complicated licenses, such as those for bus and heavy truck drivers.

Aruba Driving School is located at Ponton #54A, right on the main road. It offers lessons Monday through Friday, with one-hour group sessions conducted at 10:00 and 11:00 AM, and at 6:30 and 7:30 PM. Private lessons can be arranged by calling 583-9940 or 737-5500.

Annual Report Common Court of Justice 2013: More lawsuits settled but with a negative financial result for Court



WILLEMSTAD -- The Common Court of Justice has settled various jurisdictions in 2013 in four countries totaling 45,225 lawsuits. That is more than in 2012 when the total was 44,336. According to the Court, it has not been easy, especially because of the size and complexity of cases has greatly increased in recent years and the Court and the were running at full capacity. The increased cost and not increased budget have led to the Court has concluded 2013 with a negative financial result of Naf 765.000, -. A loss which must be worn by the Court, because it is an independent organization.

The President of the Court, also chairman of the board, Mr. Evert Jan van der Poel, elaborated over this worrisome situation in the Court's Annual Report for 2013. At the same time, he stressed that there is much investment needed to be able to provide better and efficient court cases in the future and to raise the level of service. In doing so, however, the Court goes against the financial constraints. According to the Board, the Court is aware of the fact that good justice are the pillars of a still young developing islands in which citizens and businesses are in need of legal certainty.

According to Court's Annual Report, it appears that the caseload differs per country in comparison to the previous year. The total of felony cases treated in the court of Curacao decreased from 952 to 699 cases, and also the offence cases, from 19,022 cases to 16,838. This is largely attributed to the reorganization of the local police force and the detectives; says the Public Prosecutor. The number of decisions of the magistrate dealing with criminal cases in Curacao has a lot to do with it so the number has risen from 2,375 to 2,648. In Aruba, St. Maarten and Bonaire, the number of criminal cases has increased considerably.

The Courts inflows of civil cases decreased slightly in 2013 and the number of seizure cases was considerably less, which may have to do with the mid-year mandatory imposition of fil-

ing fees. Cases where the counterparty is not present will be dismissed by the Court by default. There are large differences between the Courts to see. For example, in Aruba comparatively many issues dealt with, without contradiction (63%), whereas significantly less in Sint Maarten (23%). The cause is not directly visible.

The number of administrative cases decreased in 2013, of which the previous year flow of staff cases increased, as a result of the merging of rural and inter island services. An effect that was primarily noticeable in Curacao.

The number of tax cases increased in all branches of the Court to a total of 948 new cases in 2013. Last year, the Board of Tax Appeals, with judges of the Court, achieved a major milestone in the processing of those cases. Due to the increasing number of cases the effect of this is limited and there is still a large backlog and long waiting times. It is expected that the introduction of tax law in two instances, for which the preparations are being made this year, will provide a solution.

The number of cases brought before the Court of Appeal increased in 2013 to a total of 802 cases, of which 191 criminal cases. The total of cases settled has been less, causing delays in civil cases. A number of large and elaborate criminal convictions have consumed a lot of time and energy.

According to the Report, the Court invested heavily in the ICT infrastructure in 2013. The result, an increased equity, but the Court's liquidity did not improve. The Court is very pleased with the renovated courthouse in Aruba because of the character, the available courtrooms and offices and modern set up. All this has been a major advance for Aruba's Court. Also the Court in St. Maarten moved forward with the introduction of a separate office building by the Courthouse.

The President elaborated on the expectations; they have a good picture with the results of 2013 and that this gives in a transparent manner responsibility to the countries.

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"O" is a top choice for holiday events



PALM BEACH - Though "O" Restaurant and Lounge in Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall has only been opened since mid-December of last year, it has quickly been established as a top choice among islanders to celebrate a special day. In the words of partner and well-known entertainer Edjean Semeleer, "What could be a more special day than Mother's Day? It was our great pleasure to plan a very special brunch for families to treat their moms, and I was personally delighted to serenade them with some of our favorite island ballads."

It made the morning particularly enjoyable for the Muijali, Geerman, Werleman, Guinapa and Boekhoudt clans, only to name a few of the families that flocked to "O" to treat Mama to a special brunch. The restaurant does not usually do buffets, but they had a stunning set up, with fresh omelets and pasta stations along with a spread of traditional island dishes and salad bar. The fabulous dessert assortment particularly wowed the under-12 crowd, and was savored by all ages.

It looks like "O" Restaurant has established a new Mother's Day tradition for Aruban families when they wish to give the family matriarch well-deserved tribute!

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Mother's Day Sadness in Aruba: An urgent call for some nature justice

Mama Tera and Mama Shoco are crying on Mother's Day at Spaans Lagoen.



SPAANS LAGOEN -- These pictures were taken, yesterday, Mother's Day at Spaans Lagoen, one of Aruba's most sensitive nature areas. It is officially a Ramsar Wetland Area and one of Aruba's (most) Important Bird Areas (IBA).

On February 6th, 2013 (Openbare Vergadering # 38) a motion was past -unanimously, all 21 members voted pro - to protect this area and 15 other areas and to declare them as part of Parke Nacional Arikok. Parliament requested the Government to carry this out within three months following his decision. Before May 6th, 2013 this had to be done. Yesterday on Mother's day May 10th, 2014, 1 year and three months later this hasn't happened yet.

Spaans Lagoen is systematically abused by some very anti-social elements in our society. The Government took the initiative to place a line of boulders to help protect the area. The anti-social elements send a clear signal to the Government by repeatedly removing the boulders and turning the area into a race track. Tracks suggest minimally a motorcycle and a quad. In some of the photographs you can see how they race over the Shoco nesting areas.

The Shoco has been declared a national symbol. This anti-social behavior is equal to or worse than the burning of Aruba's National Flag and mocking our national anthem.

We call on all relevant Government authorities to give the protection of this and the other 15 nature reserves highest national priority.

We call on all NGO's and nature lovers to share this and to help request all relevant Government authorities to please act in the required manner.

With regret that this is published, but somehow mothers are the ones who always seem to understand such matters of urgency best and after all, this is about damage to our Mother Nature.



WORLD NEWS

Nigerian families organize search for kidnapped girls

ABUJA, Nigeria — Frustration and despair over the fate of hundreds of schoolgirls kidnapped by Islamic extremists in northern Nigeria is forcing families to organize the rescue themselves.

"We are trying to search for our daughters on our own," said a mother of one of the girls, asking to remain unidentified out of fear of causing her daughter further harm. "Soon we will be heading to the forest."

"We heard rumors that they are ready to negotiate with us if we ourselves go to the forest," she added. "But they threatened to kill or sell the girls if the government uses force or ambushes them."

Still, it's likely the families will have to travel farther than the vast Sambesha Forest to find their daughters: U.S. State Department officials said late last week there were signs the girls had been split up and dispersed to other countries — such as Cameroon and Chad — in the four weeks since they were taken.



AFP photo shows a Nigerian resident in Durban joining people from all faiths to pray for the immediate release of the abducted Nigerian school girls during an interfaith prayer meeting held at the Blue lagoon Beach in Durban yesterday. A call from all faiths was for the safe return of the more than 200 girls abducted from Nigeria.

Washington Monument to reopen after nearly 3 years

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Washington Monument, one of the US capital's most recognizable sights, was to reopen today, three years after sustaining damage from a rare earthquake.

The popular tourist attraction is the US capital city's tallest building at 555 feet (170-meters).

The obelisk, built in honor of the first US president, George Washington, was closed after engineers found 150

cracks in the structure following a 5.8-magnitude earthquake in the neighboring state of Virginia in August 2011.

The structure was covered in scaffolding for months on end as the landmark underwent \$15 million in repairs, half of which was funded by a private citizen.

"This enduring spirit of public-private partnerships has made it possible for visitors to once again enjoy the Monument and its unmatched view of Washington" said US Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell said in a statement.

Jewell will attend a reopening ceremony attended by US celebrities, with accompaniment by the United States Navy Band.

Public tours recommence after the ceremony, with tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis, officials said.

The Washington Monument, completed in 1885, is located in the middle of the National Mall, between the Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial.



Iran says it has copied US drone

TEHRAN (AFP) — Iran said yesterday it has succeeded in copying a US drone it captured in December 2011, with state television broadcasting images apparently showing the replicated aircraft.

Tehran captured the US RQ-170 Sentinel in 2011 while it was in its airspace, apparently on a mission to spy on the country's nuclear sites, media in the United States reported.

"Our engineers succeeded in breaking the drone's secrets and copying them. It will soon take a test flight," an officer said in the footage.

The broadcast showed supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's visit to an exhibition organized by the powerful Revolutionary Guards air wing about Iran's military advances, particularly regarding ballistic missiles and drones. Footage showed two nearly identical drones.

"This drone is very important for reconnaissance missions," Khamenei said, standing in front of the Iranian copy of the American unmanned

aircraft.

Iran said it had taken control of the ultra hi-tech drone and forced it down in the desert where it was recovered nearly intact.

Washington said it had lost control of the aircraft. At the time, US military officials tried to play the incident down, saying Iran did not have the technology to decipher its secrets, and President Barack Obama asked the Islamic republic to return the Sentinel.

Iran has been working to develop a significant drone program of its own, and some of its unmanned aircraft have a range of hundreds of kilometres (miles) and are armed with missiles.

The state broadcaster also showed images that the commentary said had been recorded by an Iranian drone above a US aircraft carrier in the Gulf. In the pictures, which were relatively clear, it was possible to see American personnel working on planes and helicopters aboard the vessel.

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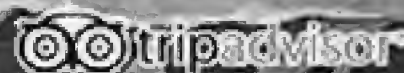
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WORLD NEWS

Rebels claim mass turnout in east Ukraine vote for self-rule

DONETSK (AFP) - Pro-Russian rebels claimed a massive turnout in a vote they held yesterday to split east Ukraine into two independent republics, though Kiev slammed it as a "farce" amid Western fears it could lead to civil war.

Thousands of people queued in front of a limited number of polling stations in the restive provinces of Donetsk and Lugansk to cast their ballots, AFP journalists in several towns reported.

Insurgent leaders said that more than 70 percent of the electorate in the two regions -- home to seven million of Ukraine's total population of 46 million -- had slid voting slips into the transparent ballot boxes.

There was no way to verify that assertion however. No independent observers were monitoring the vote, which took place in the absence of any international support -- even from Moscow, which had asked it be postponed.

While there were no reports of violent incidents during polling, tensions remained high amid an on-going military operation ordered by Kiev against the rebels.

Roman Lyaguin, the head of Donetsk's self-styled electoral commission, told reporters that voter turnout across the province was 70 percent six hours before polls were to close at 10:00pm. Lugansk's rebels put their province's turnout at more than 75 percent.

Lyaguin added that results would not be in until today, but he already appeared confident that the outcome would be in favour of independence. After the results, he said, "there will likely be a period of negotiation with the authorities in Kiev".

The hastily organised poll fell short of Western balloting norms. Notably, curtained booths were not set up in every town taking part, and polling staff lacking up-to-date electoral rolls registered anyone who turned up to vote without being able to check if they had already voted elsewhere.

Kiev called the process a "criminal farce" that had no legal or constitutional validity. It said the vote was "inspired, organised and financed by the Kremlin". Western nations backing the Ukrainian government also dismissed the regional "referendums".

Lotto winners bankroll Scottish independence campaign

LONDON (AFP) - A couple who won a record EuroMillions jackpot in 2011 are bankrolling the campaign for Scottish independence, contributing £2.5 million (\$4.2 million, three million euros) in the past year, the campaign said yesterday.

Colin and Christine Weir, from Largs near Glasgow, won 185 million euros (then \$260 million) in July 2011, becoming Europe's biggest ever lottery winners.

New figures show that since April 1, 2013, the Weirs each contributed £1.25 million (1.53 million euros) to the campaign for a "Yes" vote in September's referendum, in addition to their £1 million donation the previous year.

Their contribution makes up the vast majority of the £3.15 million received by the campaign in the past year. Another 11,000 people have made donations.

"We greatly appreciate and are hugely encouraged by the thousands of people across Scotland who have made donations -- both large and small -- according to their financial means," Yes Scotland Chief Executive Blair Jenkins said in a statement.

A poll tracker devised by the Financial Times suggests the gap is narrowing between the two campaigns although the "No" camp has a nine-point lead, with 15 percent undecided.

Bearded Eurovision queen vows fight for tolerance not over

VIENNA (AFP) - Austria's bearded transvestite crowned Eurovision queen Conchita Wurst returned home yesterday to a jubilant welcome, vowing to use her new-found fame to promote tolerance.

"This will remain an issue for a long time and I fear I won't see the end of it in my lifetime," said Wurst, who captured Europe's imagination at this year's edition of the song contest.

"It will be my life's work and I gladly take it on," the 25-year-old drag queen, who is also known as Tom Neuwirth, told reporters in Vienna.

"Yesterday was not just a victory for me but a victory for those people who believe in a future that can function without discrimination and is based on tolerance and respect."

Wurst's participation in the contest had sparked controversy ahead of the finals in Copenhagen, with petitions running in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine for her to be dropped from the competition. Her win was also greeted by an outpouring of scorn from Russian politicians and stars.

But at Vienna airport, the waifish singer was greeted yesterday by a jubilant crowd that went wild when she stepped into the arrivals terminals in a flowing pale pink skirt and jeans vest.

At least 1,000 fans -- some of them wearing painted beards on their face, including women and children -- had been waiting for hours, playing Wurst's anthem "Rise like a Phoenix" non-stop and singing along at the top of their lungs, while waving Austrian and rainbow signs and banners that read "We love you!" and "Conchita Queen of Love + Tolerance".

Surrounded by an international media scrum, she lifted her Eurovision trophy in the air and smiled to the cameras.

"I don't really feel vindicated against her critics. I believe everything happens for a reason," she said afterwards.

She insisted she was no "ambassador of tolerance... I'm just doing my little bit. This is what I was given and I feel it's my duty as an artist to work in that direction."

After her win on Saturday, Wurst cried out: "We are unity, and we are unstoppable."

"That was obviously meant for certain politicians whom we all know," she explained in Vienna. Asked if she meant Russian President Vladimir Putin, who last year signed a law banning "gay propaganda", she replied coyly "among others".

Austria erupted in joy Saturday as Conchita brought the country its first Eurovision victory in 48 years. One local radio station played "Rise like a Phoenix" on loop 48 times over four hours on Sunday in honour of the win.



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For many women, even in the best of circumstances, motherhood is quite a challenge. However, when poverty, disease, violence, poor healthcare or a lack of education is present, mothers and their children both suffer. This Mother's Day, we can thank moms everywhere by supporting an organization that helps them succeed by supporting themselves or their children.

1. Save the Children

Infant mortality rates can be higher than 10 percent (CIA, The World Factbook, 2013) in many developing countries. According to the World Health Organization, three quarters of newborn deaths occur in the first week of life. There is an unequalled opportunity to help mothers and their children in the first days after birth.

2. The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation (EGPAF)

More than 700 children under 15 years of age are infected with HIV every day, most as a result of mother-to-child transmission of the virus (UNAIDS, Global Report, 2013). Without treatment, almost half of newborns infected with HIV will die before their second birthdays (UNAIDS, Together We Will End AIDS, 2012).

3. Heifer International

Heifer international works to provide women and their families with sustainable self-reliance and empowerment. Through programs that provide tools, knowledge and support surrounding farming, cooking, entrepreneurship and education, Heifer gives mothers an opportunity to provide for their families and be an integral part of their community.

4. Every Mother Counts

In a variety of programs ranging from solar powered clinics in Malawi to prenatal care and education in the United States, Every Mother Counts works to improve maternal healthcare to end preventable deaths. Their model incorporates powerful storytelling to inspire involvement, raise awareness of the issues faced by mothers and spread the message of investing in every mother.

5. Single Parent Advocate

1 in 4 children in the United States today is being raised in a single parent home (OECD, Doing Better for Families, 2011) Single mothers and fathers struggle to fulfill multiple roles and seemingly endless commitments alone. Groups like Single Parent Advocate work to provide single parents with resources, practical assistance, emotional encouragement and social networking to better the lives of single parents and their children.

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She is the Queen of the Kitchen.

Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"—"Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo. Don't miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena—"Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe preparation of banana hasa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hillary Clinton And Michelle Obama Jab Each Other In Mother's Day Message On 'SNL'



California - Hillary Clinton, played by Vanessa Bayer, and Michelle Obama, as impersonated by Sasheer Zamata, sent out "A Mother's Day Message" during "Saturday Night Live's" cold open.

It started out civil between the two, with Clinton saying, "Both of us have been called so many things, but it's nice to have one day where the first thing we're called is moms."

After Obama says she is spending Mother's Day with her family on a group run, Clinton jokes, "I'm going to put my blackberry on airplane mode and watch 'The Good Wife' in my zip-up robe."

When Obama showed off a mug from her daughters with the phrase "Mother of the Year," Clinton says with a wink, "And I have not yet decided if I'm running for Mother of the Year."

"But," Obama continued, "What Barack and I are really proud of is giving the gift of healthcare to 8 million Americans."

"Which is funny," Clinton responds, "because I tried to give them that gift 16 years ago, so it's more like a re-gift."

"But we actually delivered it," Obama says firmly, adding, "Hillary and I know what it's like to be working moms."

"But I know a little bit more," explains Clinton, "for years I was flying all over the world dealing with some of the worst humanitarian crises, but I suppose it's also tough to make a chubby kid eat an apple!"

Margret Flores Graduates SUMMA CUM LAUDE from USF



LtoR: Proud parents Marilyn and Macario Flores, Margret, grand aunt and grand uncle Victoria and Pat Perez

Florida - Last week Margret Flores, helped with a grant from Aruba Scholarship Foundation graduated SUMMA CUM LAUDE from University of South Florida with an almost perfect GPA of 3.94.

After graduating from Valencia Community College in 2012 where she studied Nursing, Margret entered USF and changed her major to Psychology.

Margret was born in the Philippines and emigrated to Aruba at the age of five. Working hard to learn new languages, Margret went through elementary school with grades that allowed her admission to Colegio Arubano. She graduated from HAVO in 2009. After working a year with Tomlin NV (Dunkin Donuts), Margret entered Valencia Community college where she was recognized as an outstanding student. With a high GPA Margret had no problem obtaining a financial grant from Aruba Scholarship Foundation beginning with the schoolyear 2011-2012. Margret is considering using the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program and work in a laboratory where she can participate in research. The OPT program allows foreign students to work for twelve months with a student visa following their completion of their studies in the United States. Margret plans to earn her Master's degree in the Netherlands.

Margret is the daughter of Marilyn and Macario Flores. They live in Oranjestad and both are employed by Marriott. The Flores family emigrated from the Philippines 18 years ago and now feel completely assimilated in the Aruban community. Margret is the third Phillippino-born Aruban to graduate with honors in Florida with the help of the Aruba Scholarship Foundation.

Aruba Scholarship Foundation congratulates the Flores family and wishes Margret much success in her blooming career.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Paleontologists Discover Extinct Kitten-Sized Predator



Researchers have recently discovered remains of a mammal that was only as large as a kitten, but was still a fierce predator. The research was completed by Russell Engelman and Darin Croft of Case Western Reserve University in Ohio and the results were published in the *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*.

The skull was recovered in Bolivia, where the animal lived 13 million years ago. It is believed to be in the order Sparassodonta, which has no living members but is considered a sister taxa to marsupials. They are currently holding off on naming a species. While many sparassodont species have only been identified through their teeth, this skull—which is about 3 inches (7.6 cm) long—is lacking teeth that are adequate to compare to other closely-related species.

Croft will be returning to the area where the skull was recovered this summer in hopes of finding more clues about the identity of this small-yet-mighty animal.

Students Use 3-D Printer To Produce Prosthetic Arm For \$200



A trio of biomedical engineering students at the Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL) managed to build a 13-year-old girl a robotic prosthetic arm using a 3-D printer. Incredibly, the robotic arm cost a meager \$200 to make; normally a prosthetic would set you back a minimum of \$6,000.

Kendall Gretsich, Henry Lather and Kranti Peddada produced the prosthetic arm for their engineering design course alongside associate professor

Qualcomm Is Close To Buying Israeli Chipmaker Wilocity For \$300 Million



JERUSALEM - Qualcomm Inc is in advanced talks to buy Israeli chipmaker Wilocity, financial news website TheMarker reported on Sunday.

Qualcomm has proposed to acquire Wilocity, which makes fast speed chips, for around \$300 million but the two sides have yet to agree to terms of all the provisions of the sale, TheMarker said.

Officials at Wilocity, founded in 2007, were not immediately available for comment.

U.S. chipmaker Qualcomm is already an investor in Wilocity, which develops 60 GHz, 7 gigabit wireless chipsets that allow for faster Internet speeds.

The chips would enable users to download video and other heavy data content more quickly, TheMarker noted, adding that Wilocity's chips are featured in Dell computers - its first customer.

Other investors in Wilocity include Marvell Technology, Cisco, Pegatron, Benchmark Capital, Sequoia, Vintage Investment Partners, and Tallwood Partners. TheMarker said that in all, Wilocity has raised \$105 million from its investors.

of physical therapy Joseph Klaesner. At the request of the recipient, Sydney Kendall, the team produced the prosthetic out of pink plastic, and it looks pretty awesome.

Since the students had no prior experience in prosthetics, they received guidance from several medical practitioners including Charles A. Goldfarb and Lindley Wall, both orthopedic hand surgeons. "They brought their engineering expertise, and we shared our practical experience with prosthetics and the needs of children," Goldfarb wrote in a blog.

Although Sydney was previously fitted with a prosthetic arm, she found she was very limited in what she could accomplish with it. By manipulating the device with shoulder movements, she was able to perform numerous tasks such as throwing a ball and moving a computer mouse. "It really showed us the great things you can accomplish when you bridge medicine and technology," said Peddada in a press-release.

Unlike other recent devices, this prosthetic dons a motor and a working thumb. It's also battery-powered and controlled with an accelerometer.

Fitting children with prosthetics is difficult because as they grow, the prosthetics need to be replaced with larger devices to accommodate their body changes. Since most prosthetics are very expensive, this is unaffordable for many. "With the 3-D printer, a prosthetic can be made much less expensive. The possibilities of what can be done to improve prosthetics using this technology is very exciting," said Sydney's mother, Beth Kendall in a press-release.



ECONOMY

Parrot launching smart-phone-controlled drones



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Wireless products maker Parrot unveiled a drone Sunday aimed squarely at smartphone or tablet owners keen on getting bird's eye views of the world.

Parrot billed its Bebop Drone as a flying high-quality camera that will land in the market in the final three months this year.

The Paris-based maker of wireless accessories for automobiles and handheld mobile devices did not disclose how much it plans to charge for the drones.

"The experience is like being a bird, an insect," Parrot founder and chief Henri Seydoux said while providing an early look at Bebop drones in San Francisco.

"You fly through the device and see the same thing as if you were a bird."

A Bebop drone can be controlled using smartphones or tablet computers powered by Apple or Android software, displaying on screens what is captured by its high-definition camera with a 180-degree "fish-eye" view.

The drones can also synch to Oculus Rift virtual reality headsets, letting wearers essentially look around by moving their heads as though they are actually flying.

Consumer targets for the drones, which are essentially motion-stabilized cameras, include people who want to capture aerial shots for movies made using smartphones or tablets.

Bebop drones link to mobile devices using standard Wi-Fi connections and have ranges of about 980 feet (300 meters).

Parrot said it will sell separately a Skycontroller accessory dock for mobile devices to boost flying distances to about 1.2 miles (two kilometers).

Bebop drones will debut as communities and regulators grapple with privacy concerns, aviation risks and other issues raised by personal or business use of such devices in the skies.

Dutch banker is new head of European banking federation

THE HAGUE -- Dutchman Wim Mijs is to lead the European banking federation EBF from September, replacing Belgium's Guido Ravoet who is retiring.

Mijs is current head of the association of Dutch banks NVB and the International Banking Federation.

The EBF represents over 5,000 banks in its dealings with the European Commission and European parliament.

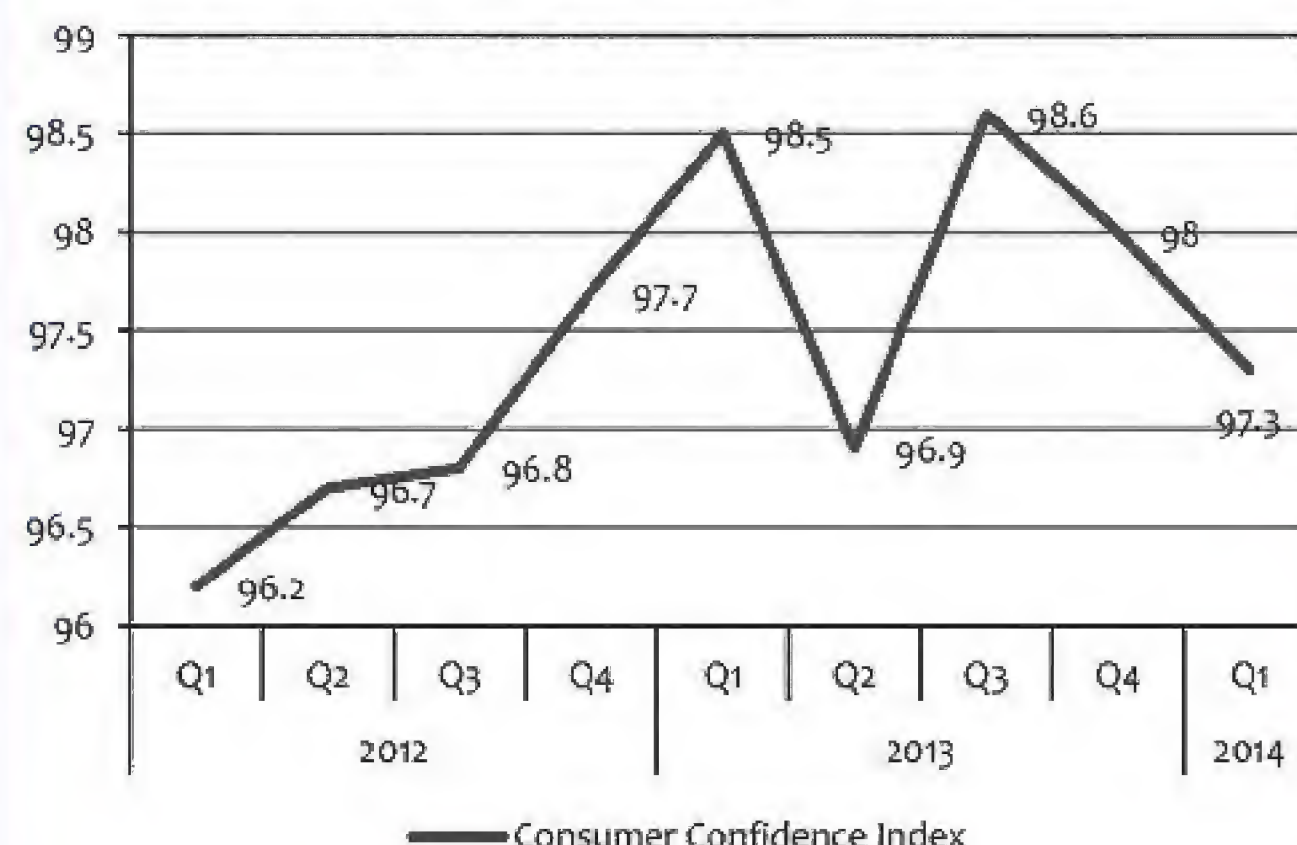
Mijs, director of the Dutch Banking Association since 2007, was on the EBF's executive committee until January and helped set up a Single Supervisory Mechanism strategy group for the 130 banks facing ECB supervision.

The EBF, founded in 1960, represents 4,500 European lenders through its 32 national banking association members. The banks account for more than 80 percent of total assets and deposits in the EU, according to EBF's website.

Aruba Central Bank: A slight decline in consumers confidence in the first quarter of 2014

ORANJESTAD - The Consumer Confidence Index fell by 0.7 index point to 97.3 in the first quarter of 2014. The index has declined for two consecutive periods (see Chart 1). Furthermore, the index is 1.2 index points lower than the same period of the previous year. The drop in the Consumer Confidence Index was the result of decreases in both the Present Situation Index and the Expectation Index in the first quarter of 2014 (Table 1).

Table 1: Consumer Confidence Index



Consumers' perceptions on their present personal financial situation deteriorated, as 23.8 percent of respondents revealed that their personal financial situation had worsened, compared to 14.8 percent in the fourth quarter of 2013. This same development is seen at both the present business and economic conditions (where 36.3 percent of the respondents indicated deterioration in the first quarter of 2014 versus 21.8 percent in the fourth quarter of 2013) and the government's financial position (32.1 percent pointed out a worsening in the first quarter of 2014 versus 28.5 percent in the fourth quarter of 2013).

Consumers tended to be on a neutral level with regard to future expectations, as the majority indicated that their personal financial situation, the business and economic conditions, as well as the government's financial position will stay the same in the near future. Moreover, consumers' outlook on the labor market in the present situation was more or less the same as in the fourth quarter of 2013. Finally, consumers reported that it was not prudent to purchase a car (52.0 percent), but it was suitable to purchase some major appliances (44.3 percent) or to go on vacation (45.8 percent).

Table 1: Indices

	Consumer Confidence Index	Present Situation Index	Expectation Index
2012 I	96.2	95.6	99.0
2012 II	96.7	95.4	101.2
2012 III	96.8	95.5	100.6
2012 IV	97.7	98.5	100.3
2013 I	98.5	100.1	101.3
2013 II	96.9	97.7	99.1
2013 III	98.6	99.1	101.4
2013 IV	98.0	99.9	101.0
2014 I	97.3	96.9	98.9

ECONOMY

EU threatens new Russia sanctions but more aid to Ukraine

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The EU looks set to try to expand its role in the Ukraine crisis with a fresh show of public support for the Kiev government and threats of new, wider sanctions against Russia.

For the first time in the months-long crisis, one of its top officials, EU Council president Herman Van Rompuy who represents the bloc's 28 leaders, will fly to Ukraine on Monday to meet the interim government.

"I will travel to Kiev," he said in a statement "to continue our talks on how to stabilise the situation in Ukraine ahead of the presidential elections on 25 May, how to put an end to violence in Ukraine, and how to create an inclusive national dialogue."

Van Rompuy said the visit was on the invitation of Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseny Yatsenyuk.

It takes place as European Union foreign ministers gather in Brussels to attempt to reconcile broad differences over how to respond to the worst crisis in Europe since the Cold War.

The very next day, Yatsenyuk is to visit

Brussels with members of his government for high-profile talks with the European Commission.

On the agenda of that meeting is an EU pledge of 11 billion euros (\$15 billion) in grants and loans to put the economy back on its feet made in March when the bloc signed a landmark EU-Ukraine association accord.

It was the sudden refusal by then president Viktor Yanukovich late last year to sign the deal on closer trade and political ties with the EU that sparked the protests and led to his ouster.

Though the EU has begun rolling out the funds, instability and the weak administration are undermining the process.

Another key issue still to be resolved is how to ensure gas supplies to Ukraine after Russia, its main supplier, sharply increased prices and demanded the payment of billions in outstanding bills.

A second round of talks between EU, Russian and Ukrainian officials will also take place on Monday in Brussels.

China signs mega east Africa rail deal

NAIROBI (AFP) - China on Sunday signed a deal to build a \$3.8 billion rail link between Kenya's Indian Ocean port of Mombasa and Nairobi, the first stage of a line that will eventually link Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan.

Under the terms of the agreement, Exim Bank of China will provide 90

percent of the cost to replace the crumbling British colonial-era line with a 609.3 kilometre (379 mile) standard-gauge link and Kenya the remaining 10 percent.

Construction is due to start in October and take three-and-a-half years to complete, with China Communications Construction Co. as the main contractor.

Once the Mombasa-Nairobi line is completed, construction would begin to link east Africa's largest economy with Kampala, Kigali, Bujumbura and Juba.

The deal was signed at State House in Nairobi and witnessed by presidents Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya, Yoweri Museveni of Uganda, Paul Kagame of Rwanda and Salva Kiir of South Sudan.



BlackBerry steps up with Indonesian phone

JAKARTA (AFP) - BlackBerry will this week launch a new budget handset in Indonesia, one of its last bastions, a major step in the ailing smartphone maker's fight-back against titans Samsung and Apple.

The Z3, which is designed for Indonesia but will likely be introduced in other emerging markets later, is the first new BlackBerry phone since chief executive John Chen took the helm of the company in November.

The handset is also the first to be produced from the Canadian firm's partnership

with Taiwanese tech giant Foxconn, which makes gadgets for Apple, and is a key test of whether the new strategy will work.

The company believes the device will be a hit in Indonesia, where many have remained loyal to BlackBerry.

But analysts believe it may already be too late for a comeback by the company that pioneered modern smartphone culture but has been unable to keep up with competition.

Since Chen took over, there have been small signs of improvement. The company reported a loss of \$423 million in the three months to March 1, which was not as bad as had been feared.



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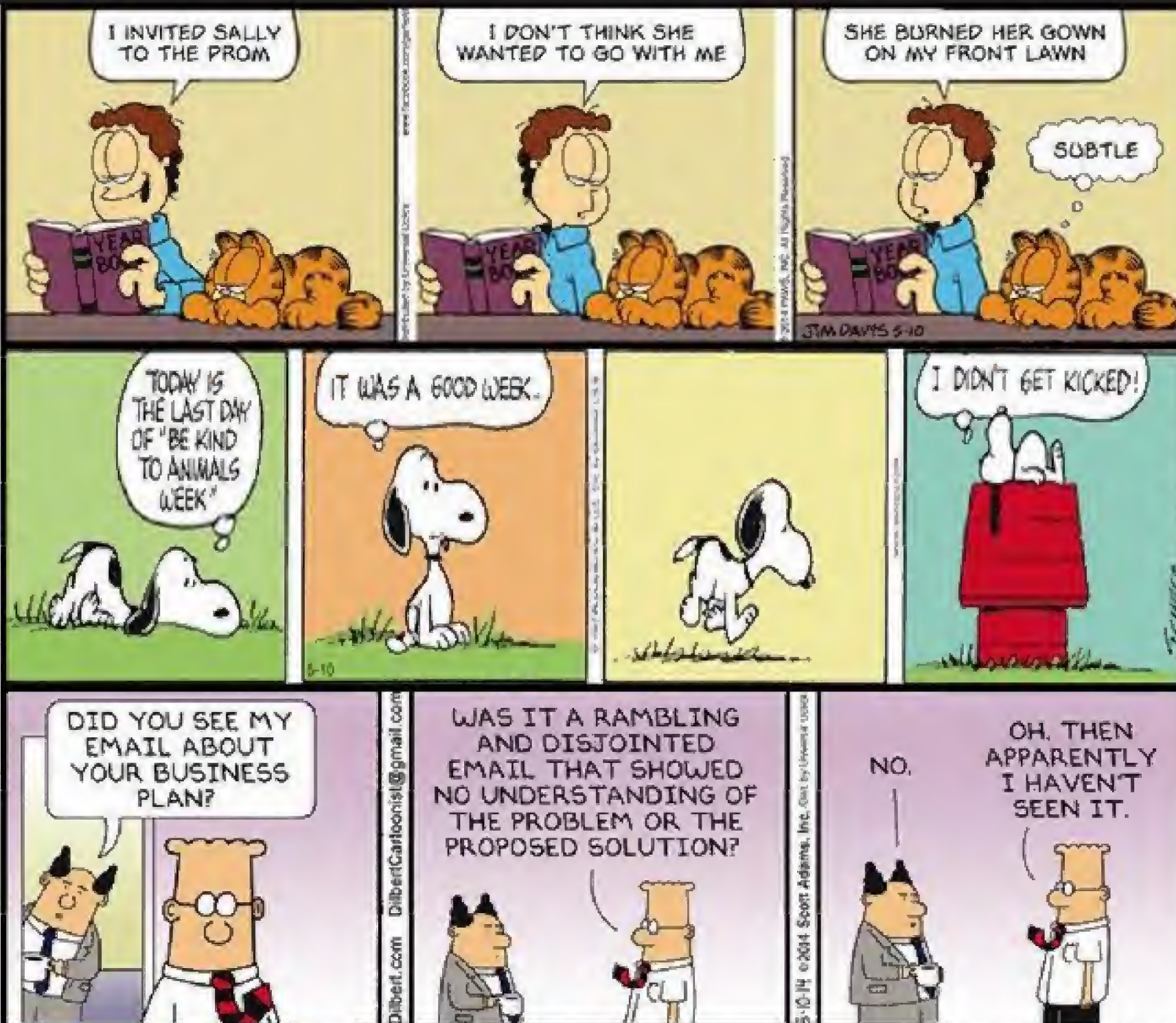
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22. Discharges
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27. Lead astray
30. Each
33. Without any smell
35. Demonstrate
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SPORTS

New international terminal opens at São Paulo Guarulhos Airport



RIO DE JANEIRO, (AFP) - Sao Paulo's airport, one of the busiest in Latin America, opened a new international terminal Sunday -- just in time for the football World Cup.

The new terminal at Guarulhos, under construction since February 2012, opened its doors just ahead of deadline.

It features a glass facade and soaring interiors inspired by Asian designs, its builder said. It has had problems with leaks, signage and bathrooms out of service.

Though it won't be operating at full capacity right away, it will help ease passenger volume for the month-long tournament beginning June 12.

A Lufthansa flight was the first to roll up to the new building early Sunday, with another 12 flights coming in through the course of the day.

Remodeling or replacing outdated and overburdened airports has been among the significant issues for World Cup organizers.

About 600,000 foreign visitors are expected for the World Cup, in addition to about three million Brazilians who will travel domestically for the matches.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

"Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service

spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area also to house a restaurant and mini-market.

The design of the residences is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

To further enhance this, the management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, house-keeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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SPORTS

NBA: Magic Johnson says no Sterling should own Clippers



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson Sunday reiterated his belief that the NBA must oust embattled Clippers owner Donald Sterling, and said players won't play for Sterling's wife, Shelly, either.

Johnson is a beloved figure in Los Angeles after leading the Lakers to five NBA titles before his retirement in 1991 after announcing he was HIV-positive.

He made brief comebacks, one as coach of the Lakers, before becoming a successful businessman, and in 2012 led a group that purchased baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers for \$2.15 billion.

He has applauded NBA Commissioner Adam Silver's move to ban 80-year-old Sterling for life and fine him \$2.5 million over racist remarks, which were made in a private conversation but later made public.

NBA owners are now proceeding with plans to strip Sterling of his ownership, a move that could end with Sterling selling the team or instigating a court battle to keep it.

In another complication, Sterling's estranged wife, Shelly Sterling, has said she wants to maintain an ownership stake in the club.

Johnson, attending the Clippers' home playoff game against the

Oklahoma City Thunder on Sunday, was asked by an ABC television interviewer if Shelly Sterling was a viable owner.

"First the fans wouldn't like it," Johnson said. "The players definitely wouldn't like it, everybody would boycott."

"And then the sponsors have already made themselves clear that they wouldn't be sponsoring this team if either Sterling stayed on as an owner."

Johnson, whose photo with Sterling's girlfriend in part prompted the owners' tirade, had said he wouldn't attend a Clippers game while Sterling was still the owner.

However, after Silver's tough action he relaxed his stance.

On Friday, the NBA named Richard Parsons, the former chairman of media giant Time Warner and Citigroup, as interim chief executive of the Clippers.

But the process of stripping Sterling of the club and forcing a sale will be lengthy -- even if Sterling doesn't challenge it as he is widely expected to do.

So while Johnson has already been mentioned as a potential buyer for the club, which could sell for upwards of \$600 million, he said it was too soon to discuss that possibility.

Tennis: Nadal wins fourth Madrid title as Nishikori quits



MADRID (AFP) - Rafael Nadal won his fourth Madrid Masters title on Sunday when Kei Nishikori was forced to quit their final with a back injury having had the Spaniard on the back foot.

Japanese 10th seed Nishikori had taken the first set 6-2 and led 4-2

Football: Cole quits England after World Cup axe



LONDON (AFP) - Chelsea left-back Ashley Cole announced Sunday he was retiring from international football after being told he'd been left out of England manager Roy Hodgson's squad for the World Cup.

"I got the call from Roy and agree England team should be about the young players," the 33-year-old Cole told his Twitter followers.

"We have a great manager and team and I wish them only success. I will be supporting them like a true fan. Thanks to everyone for everything," the 107-times capped Cole added ahead of Hodgson's official squad announcement on Monday.

Cole's words indicated his failure to hold down a regular first-team spot at Chelsea this season, where he has been displaced by Spain's Cesar Azpilicueta, had cost him his England career.

His omission means that Everton's Leighton Baines is set to be confirmed as England's leading left-back when Hodgson unveils his 23-man squad for the World Cup finals, with Southampton teenager Luke Shaw providing cover for the 29-year-old.

"#Baines and #shaw are great players, proved this season, and are the future of this country, it was a

pleasure to get #107 caps #eng," added Cole, who earlier on Sunday started in Chelsea's final league game of the season, a 2-1 victory away to already-relegated Cardiff, on Twitter.

Former Arsenal defender Cole made his international debut against Albania in 2001 and has been an England regular ever since, starting every tournament game since his finals bow against Sweden at the 2002 World Cup.

Back in March, Hodgson said he understood he might have to dis-appoint a "big name" player when it came to selecting his squad for Brazil.

On Sunday, Hodgson told the Football Association website that dropping Cole, who "in his prime" was the world's best left-back, had been one of the toughest decisions of his career.

Jose Mourinho would like Cole to remain at Stamford Bridge but several clubs in Europe and the United States have reportedly expressed an interest in signing the player.

England will face Italy, Uruguay and Costa Rica in the group stages of the World Cup which gets under way on June 12.

in the second before the back pain which had plagued him all week forced him to retire.

That allowed top seed Nadal to claim a 2-6, 6-4, 3-0 win for his 27th Masters title and 63rd career crown after one hour and 41 minutes on court.

"I'm sorry for him," said Nadal. "Of course when you have the dynamic that he's having, when you suffer something like that, it's really tough."

"I suffered a similar situation, nearly the same, in Australia this year. So I know what I'm talking about and how bitter it is, especially when you're playing an important

match.

"All of us have a moment when we have to face it, and today it was his day."

Nadal had lost quarter-finals in Monte Carlo and Barcelona -- the event that Nishikori won last month -- and needed every bit of his fighting spirit to go through.

After making the attempt in a third set, he finally threw in the towel after three games.

Nadal now stands 7-0 over Nishikori and now heads to Rome next week to defend that trophy before he moves on to the French Open where he is an eight-time champion.

SPORTS

Boston Red Sox learning Xander Bogaerts can play through pain



Boston Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts, left, is knocked backwards after tagging out Texas Rangers' Leonys Martin as Martin was trying to steal second in the fourth inning.

ARLINGTON, TEXAS - Xander Bogaerts was showing off his left leg, where a gash about three inches long left his skin split open to reveal some bright red flesh, and smiling at the same time.

There were other assorted bumps and discolorations along the leg, a few still fresh after Bogaerts accidentally dropped his left knee in front of second base during a stolen base attempt from Texas Rangers outfielder Leonys Martin on Friday night.

Baseball: Yankees place Sabathia on DL

MILWAUKEE (AFP) - The New York Yankees placed pitcher CC Sabathia on the 15-day disabled list on Sunday with inflammation in his right knee.

The move comes one day after another unimpressive start for the left-hander, who failed to get out of the sixth inning in the Yankees' 5-4 loss to the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday.

Sabathia gave up three home runs before departing after 5 1/3 innings.

Sabathia has allowed at least four earned runs in five of his eight starts this season for a 5.28 earned run average.

He is without a win this season with a 6.43 ERA in his last three starts.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi said an MRI exam showed no structural damage to the knee.

"He said in a few previous starts he'd felt it on one pitch, but it's been something he's been dealing with for a while so he hadn't needed to say anything to us," Girardi said.

"But yesterday it got bad and it swelled up after the game."

Girardi said the Yankees hoped 15 days' rest would solve the problem.

"Because there's no meniscal tears -- I mean, that's what our fear was because that's what he's had in the past -- we're hoping it will only be the two weeks," Girardi said.



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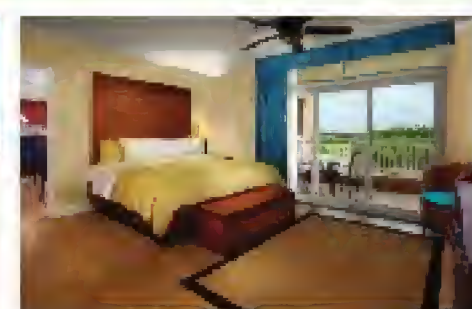
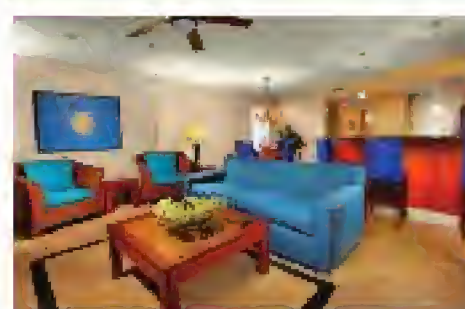
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